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LOCAL NEWS.

Personals and Happenings of Interest Gathered for The Democrat's Many Readers.

Sam Moulden, of Murphy, was here Monday.

John T. Melton, of Allen, was a caller on us, Monday.

Misses Clark and Desda Reedy returned to Bonham, Tuesday.

Miss Mai Allen has returned from a visit at Mexia, Tex.

Miss Lula Wofford visited at Terrell during the holidays.

Mrs. Jesse Shain visited her relatives in Sherman last week.

Miss Kate McAulay spent the holidays in Denison.

Profs. Chance, of Princeton, and Dobbs, of Johnson school, were in the city Saturday.

Attorney G. E. Carpenter moved his office furniture and law library to Plano last week.

R. L. Ray and lady returned from a pleasant holiday visit to relatives in Denton county.

Prof. A. C. Thompson accompanied Miss Minnie Hager to Weston, Saturday.

Miss Mollie Eubanks, of Sherman, visited Mrs. Jesse Shain last week.

McKinney Public schools commenced the latter term of the 1897-98 session Monday.

Ed Durning will be drug clerk at C. C. Provine's during this year.

Tom H. Thompson is now behind Melton's counters politely waiting on customers.

D. W. Leigh, the popular vocalist instructor, was in town the first of the week.

G. F. Bone, of Garza, Denton county, has entered school at the the McKinney College.

Mrs. Lou Fields and niece, Miss Josie Talkington, returned Saturday, from a brief visit at Terrell.

The two McKinney bakeries have consolidated in a partnership firm styled Thompson Bros & Mitchell.

Captain and Mrs. R. M. Board gave a New Year's eve ball in the Foote House to their young dancing friends.

Miss Minnie Hager, of Lebanon, Tenn., arrived in McKinney, Saturday, on her way to Weston, where she is visiting her sister, Miss Tomie Hager.

Lawyers Jones and Lawrence have formed a partnership and will office in the former's old office on the East side.

Tom Miller left Friday for his home in Armstrong county. He visited his mother, Mrs. M. Miller of Melissa, and other relatives in this county.

Prof. Dodson treated the Institute pupils with a delicious selection of fruits nuts and candies as a New Year's gift.

Mrs. S. T. Hammond accompanied her sister-in-law, Miss Hammond, as far as Denison last week who returned to her home in Kansas.

Mr. Ben Johnson, who has been engaged in building a residence for Mr. Glen Stiff, in Pilot Point, spent the holidays with his family.

The Fairfield school resumed work Monday after a two weeks' vacation, partly for the holidays, but mainly on account of a diphtheria scare.

Armp Hill has accepted a salesman's position for 1898 of B. F. Avery & Son implement house in McKinney. G. E. Abernathy is manager of their local house.

Misses Pearl Morton and Mary Magner entertained on the evening of New Year's at D. A. Crouch's residence on South Chestnut street.

John Hill left Sunday with four cars of cattle for Chicago. He was followed next day by D. C. Hill and Walter Howell with seven more cars for the same market.

A Wonderful Discovery.

The last quarter of a century records many wonderful discoveries in medicine, but none that have accomplished more for humanity than that sterling old remedy, Browns' Iron Bitters. It seems to contain the very elements of good health, and neither man, woman or child can take it without deriving the greatest benefit. For sale by all dealers.

A Sudden Death.

Friday evening last W. B. (Buck) Wilson was found on the east side of the square in an unconscious condition. Physicians were summoned and it was discovered that he was suffering from an overdose of morphine. The sick man was at once moved to his home south of the square where he died about ten o'clock Friday night. The deceased leaves a wife and five children and quite a number of other relatives to mourn his sudden demise. He formerly was in business at Allen in this county, also at San Angelo. For quite a while he was a clerk in R. E. Bristol's drug store. He had been in ill health for more than a year previous to his death. The remains were interred at Allen Sunday morning under the auspices of the Knigths of Pythias of which he was a member.

Was It Suicide?

Christmas Eve, Allen Bates met with a horrible catastrophe, which resulted in the immediate death of himself and his horse.

He was returning home after having purchased his Christmas supplies for the family, having numerous toys for the children and other things. About five miles east of here he rode into the yard of a gentleman and rode several times around the house. The gentleman went out and led the horse out of the yard, and instead of going on home it is said that Mr. Bates rode his horse up on the Cotton Belt track and headed it toward an approaching engine.

An eye witness informs the Courier reporter that the horse reared and plunged, but the rider held it on the track and waved a paper sack at the engine until it struck them and plunged both horse and rider to instant death.

The question is was it suicide or was it some peculiar phantasy of the man's mind which caused him to believe he could stop the on-coming train?

Whatever it may have been, he has gone out into that vast eternity, unsearchable and unknowable to all; and that which was to have been a merry Christmas in the Bates household was changed by the catastrophe into a time of mourning. — Plano Courier.

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LOW INTEREST FOR ALL.

Opponent of Postal Banks Gives Good Reason for Their Establishment.

The following is a copy of a circular letter sent to Maine bankers by Fremont E. Timberlake, bank examiner of that state:

"I have no doubt your attention has been called to the recommendation of the postmaster-general that congress pass a law establishing a postal savings bank system, and that you have read the many comments upon the same which have appeared in the public press during the last ten days.

"The adoption of any such system must seriously affect the prosperity of our savings banks and loan and building associations, and would, I believe, ultimately to a very large extent displace them and compel them to, in some way, wind up their affairs. I do not believe any private association can successfully compete with the national government in any kind of business. The provisions of the proposed bill are such that but little of the money collected from depositors would or could be invested in Maine or in any portion of the north or east. As a matter of fact, the friends of the measure claim that for many years to come all of the funds would be invested in the securities of the general government. The result would be that many millions of capital would be withdrawn from the north and east and either centralized in Washington or invested in the securities of the large cities and counties of the west, giving those places the benefit of an extremely low rate of interest. The effect upon business enterprises by thus withdrawing from them the immense amount of capital now obtained from savings institutions must be disastrous.

"Without stating to you more fully the many objections to this measure that suggest themselves to me, I should be pleased to have you indicate to me, in your own way, your views upon this matter.

"It is my purpose to invite the savings bank people and other prominent business men of the state to give me their views upon this subject. Should the expression of opinion in opposition to this measure be as unanimous and as earnest as my own observation leads me to expect, I will then take some steps to try to induce our representatives in congress to oppose its passage."

It is clear from the reference to the manner of investment that Mr. Timberlake had the Record's bill in mind when writing this letter. In our opinion he prejudices his own cause and concedes the benefits claimed for the bill when he says it would give to western cities and counties "an extremely low rate of interest." We believe the passage of the bill would lower interest rates to western and southern counties, and therefore think every member of congress from those sections should vote for the measure. Mr. Timberlake is clearly in error, however, in assuming the eastern cities would not also be benefited by reductions in interest rates. The passage of the Record's bill would tend to reduce interest rates to municipalities the country over. The reductions might not be so great in the east, where rates already are somewhat lower, but they would be sufficient to be appreciable benefits.

A favorite argument against the postal bank system has been the contention that the government could not perform any kind of service as well as private individuals. Mr. Timberlake bases his objection to the system, however, on the belief that no "private association can successfully compete with the national government in any kind of business." Of course both of these contrary opinions cannot be right, and as a matter of fact both are in part erroneous. If the government were so disposed it might indeed drive private competitors from the field. But the only object the government could have in establishing the postal savings system would be to supply needs not already satisfied and that are not likely to be satisfied by private enterprise.

The postal banks and other savings institutions should live together and supplement each other, as they do in other countries. In France, for instance, where the postal bank system is recognized as supplying a great need, the deposits are only about one-quarter in amount of those of other savings institutions, which continue to live and thrive side by side with the postoffice banks. The same thing is true of Italy. The savings banks of Maine, as of the other New England states, are highly creditable institutions, much superior to most of the savings concerns in other parts of the country. They would not be injured by postal savings banks that would pay to depositors a smaller rate of interest.

One of the clearest refutations of the contention that private associations cannot compete with the government is found in the money-order business. The postal money-order system is a great convenience to thousands of people and does a large business annually. The work it does has been imitated, however, by the express companies that have built up a large money-order business in competition with the postoffice department. There is need for both and it would be an inconvenience to the public at large if either were to be abolished or driven out of busines. Likewise, the postal banks and other savings banks that are trustworthy, as are those of New England, would continue to live side by side, each filling a want the other could not supply, the one supplementing the other. Mr. Timberlake's fears for the stability of the present well established savings banks of the east are absurd on their face. They are not held by many of the New England savings banks managers. His concessions as to the special benefits of the postal savings system to the west are of value in disarming western opponents. In the interest of the movement for postal savings banks Mr. Timberlake's letter should be given wide publicity.—Chicago Record.

HOW TO FIND OUT.

Fill a bottle or common glass with urine and let it stand twenty-four hours; a sediment or settling indicates an unhealthy condition of the kidneys. When urine stains linen it is evidence of kidney trouble. Too frequent desire to urinate or pain in the back, is also convincing proof that the kidneys and bladder are out of order.

WHAT TO DO.

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Low Death Rate of McKinney.

P. Morgett, sexton of Pecan Grove cemetery, informs us that during the year 1897, 37 bodies were interred in this sleeping ground of the dead. Of this number 12 were adult males, 9 adult females, 5 between the ages of 2 and 7 years, and 11 infants under 9 months old. Two of these were shipped here for burial and at least ten of the number died outside the limits of McKinney and suburbs. After making allowance for those who died here and were buried elsewhere, Mr. Morgett thinks, the death rate of McKinney last year was remarkably low, if not the lowest of any similar sized town in the state. At least he says it is lower than ever before during the eight years of his service here as sexton.

Farmer Geo. Coakley's two children climbed into a pig stye at Siloam Springs, Ark., last week to catch a pig, when they were set upon and devoured by the swine.

MR. STABLER SAYS.

Local Treatment For Catarrh Does No Good.

Mr. E. M. Stabler, Payne, Ohio, writes: I had catarrh of the head. I tried a local catarrh remedy and it did me no good; I tried two different catarrh snuffs an' they did me no good; our home doctor and his medicine did me no good; I tried a Fort Wayne doctor and he did me no good. I gave them all up, for they were doing me no good. All they were after was my money, and they got it, and that was all they wanted. Then I got a Pe-ru-na Almanac. I read it all through and saw that Pe-ru-na was highly recommended for catarrh. I took eight bottles and they cured me sound and well. I am 59 years old and I can do a good day's work right along. I think Pe-ru-na is the best medicine that was ever got up for catarrh. I think every one that has catarrh should use it, as I believe it will do the same for others as it has done for me."

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No Trouble to Answer Questions.

New Orleans Times-Democrat.

Years ago there was a ticket agent in a little town out in Texas on the line of the Texas & Pacific railroad who hung over the window of his office this motto: "No Trouble to Answer Questions." The expression was such a novelty and an odd thing for ticket agent to hang over his head that everyone was curious to know how long that agent would keep his word. Everybody in the town made it a point to call on the young fellow and pour him full of questions, many of them being of the most absurd nature. But the motto was never betrayed and the agent always came up for the next round smiling. That man has become famous. He is known the railroad world over as "No Trouble to Ask Questions Turner," for E. P. Turner, the present general passenger agent of the Texas and Pacific system, is the man referred to, and was the agent in the little Texas town who always had time to oblige people. The motto has stuck to him. His merit has won, and he now holds one of the most important positions of the road. Mr. Turner is now in the city and laughs and jokes with the boys who call him "No Trouble to Answer Questions Turner."

Moody on Sunday Labor.

"There are one or two principles which apply directly to the frequent difficulties which meet the Christian young man," writes Dwight L. Moody of "A Young Man's Religious Life," in the January Ladies' Home Journal. "In Sunday labor there is a certain amount of work that must be done on Sunday, both for the needs and health of a community. But in necessary work it should be dispatched as quickly as possible, and not be used as an excuse for unnecessary work.

"When the Lord ordained a day of rest it was for man's best interests, physically, mentally, and spiritually, and any man who barters the day of rest to gratify the selfish interests of another is always the loser. Man needs for the welfare of his soul, as well as his body, at least one day in seven to devote to its special needs.

I know, from personal experience, that no man can work seven days in the week, not even in religious work, and do the best work he is capable of, either for God or man. And I have no right to take from my neighbor what I prize myself.

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Dr. Grant's New Paper.

Denison, Tex., Jan. 2—Dr. John Grant of Sherman was in the city this afternoon. He is very enthusiastic on the subject of his new paper that he is to establish in Texas as the organ of the republican party. He said to The News reporter to-day:

"I expect to get the paper started inside of two months. I received in yesterday's mail 625 cash subscribers to the paper and expect to start out with a fine paid list of subscribers."

"Where will the office of publication be, doctor?"

"I can't say as yet, not having fully decided."

"Both Sherman and Paris are claiming the honor of being the birthplace for the paper, are they not?"

"I can say this much, I do not expect to publish it in either Sherman or Paris."

Political Boodlers.

The extent to which boodle methods are practiced in the old parties can hardly be imagined. Millions of dollars at each recuring election are spent by both the democratic and republican parties to bribe suffragists—to pollute he ballot box, thus defeating the will of the American people. Among the professed "patriots" of republican politicians in Texas is one John Grant who never fails to rush into print with high sounding phrases in a vain effort to established a reputation as a "leader of masses" who is always after the scalp of an imaginary enemy. He has done too much writing however. The Southern Republican published at Austin gets after the Sherman "statesman" with a red hot stick and to prove that John Grant is a boodle politician it prints a circular letter of Mr. Grant which declares the fact that he would even play political treachery with his own friends. It reads as follows:

Headquarters State Republican Executive Committee, Sherman, Tex., Sept. 14.—Dear Sir: As you know there are a number of prominent republicans before the people of the United States as candidates for the nomination for president, any of whom would be acceptable to the people if nominated. Each of the several candidates have representatives in our state who are desirous of seeing their man nominated and, looking to that end, are seeking to mould public opinion to get the Texas delegation to the national convention instructed for their man, and each candidate will naturally covet them.

"The only time the national republican party recognizes our state party is when we have votes to cast in the national convention. If after they are cast we make a demand on them for cash and literature they ignore us. Why? Because they have already gotten all we have that they want. They simply settle with the man or men who get the delegation instructed for them and the party gets nothing; hence we amount to but little as a state party. Individuals get the natural benefits.

Can we remedy that? Yes! How? By sending a first-class representative uninstructed delegation to the national convention.

We need $150,000 set apart as our portion of the national campaign fund to be expended in the campaign of 1896 in Texas. We need an abundance of literature and must have it before the party in Texas amounts to anything. We must have our pro rata of public patronage, commensurative with the magnitude of the State, both in the State and out of it.

Can we get all the above? Most emphatically we can. How? By demanding it. Not by going there like a lot of automatons with instructions to vote for a certain man, because we have no discretion and must vote as we are told, and the national party devotes her energies and cash to other States that demand and exact it. It takes money to run political parties, and until we get it we will amount to nothing as a party in Texas. Many individual schemes are already on foot to get the strength of our party for their respective caudidates. If we listen to them then the promoters of the successful movement will get the benefits of our party will get nothing. We conducted the last campaign in Texas without a dollar from the national party or any other source, and I know that nothing can be done without money.

My plan is to select first-class delegates from each district to the National Convention and send them uninstructed, and then let the delegates demand certain agreements from "the powers that be" before agreeing to cast the vote. That is the way recognition is obtained, and that is the way to get what we want, and the only way.

If you have a favorite candidate he can be advocated as well at the convention as here. If he is the favorite of the party give him the vote, but as you then give him what they want, exact in turn what we want. It does not injure any man's chances not to instruct, for if he is the favorite he is the one we want to vote for, and if he is not, instruction ties your hands and forces the delegation to vote for an ineligible man, and you don't get what you want besides. So from every standpoint instruction is impolitic.

The State is full of partisan workers who are laboring for their candidate and consequently their own personal aggrandizement. Will you help me defeat that and thereby subserve the interests of the Republican party of Texas? We as officers of the party, as well as members, have a duty to perform in its defense. If you will co-operate with me in this matter, in the manner above described, I will guarantee substantial recognition for our party. I know we will get none the other way.

Please answer promptly and fully and if favorable get to work at once spreading this sentiment among the Republicans in your vicinity. I will to the last stand by the friends of the party. Answer promptly and keep me advised. Fraternally yours, (signed)

JOHN GRANT.
Chairman State Republican Executive Committee.

UNCLE JOHN HEATH

An Aged Veteran Who Has Held Many Positions of Trust Passes Away.

Rockwall, Texas, Dec. 31.—Yesterday the remains of Uncle John C. Heath were laid to rest by East Trinity Masonic lodge, of which he was its first charter member and first senior warden. The funeral oration was delivered by his former pastor, Rev. D. E. Fuller of Garland, and was an eloquent tribute to the aged veteran of 80 years. His fourth wife survives him. Uncle John as he was familiarly known, was born in Virginia in 1818, moved to Kentucky while in youth, from thence to Texas in 1846. He has lived in four different counties, yet never having moved. First in Nacogdoches, then Henderson, which was cut off the big territory, then Kaufman, and later in Rockwall. He assisted in the organization of Kaufman county and was one of the commissioners appointed by the legislature in 1873 to organize the county of Rockwall. He was appointed postmaster in April, 1849, at Black Hill, which was his residence, and which afterward was transferred to Rockwall. He was appointed captain of the separate batallion, second brigade, for the county of Henderson in June 1847, by Gov. J. Pinckney Henderson, being the first army officer in this part of the state. He was appointed notary public by Gov. E. M. Pease in 1856, being the first appointment of the kind in this county. He was appointed justice of the peace by Gov. Sam Houston in 1860. He enlisted in the confederate army in 1862 and was first lieutenant in Capt. C. L. Jones' company, Stone's brigade. Since the war he has held various offices of trust, having been elected commissioner and justice of the peace and appointed postmaster under Cleveland's first administration. He has been a member of the Methodist Episcopal church for over fifty years, a Mason forty-three years, having joined this order at Dallas in 1854. Subsequently he was exalted to the august degree of a R. A. M. at Kaufman. He leaves a large family of children, among whom is the Hon. E. C. Heath, once candidate for governor.

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P. C. THOMPSON, Editor and Proprietor.
WALTER B. WILSON, Local Editor.

Mr. J. Farley, Texas farmer and the Mercury all of Dallas are making it red hot for the railroad commission.

The Farmers Sentinel of Chicago opposes the early nomination as proposed by the organization committee of the peoples party.

Dave Hutchinson who lives near Denton, Texas, was severely hurt in a runaway Jan. 3.

The postoffice at Bonham, Tex. is being troubled by some one working a combination on boxes and stealing mail.

Ex-Gov. Sullivan Ross died of acute congestion of stomach and bowels at his home at Bryan, Tex. at 6:35 o'clock on the evening of Jan. 3rd.

Great excitement prevails in Washington concerning some counterfeit bills which have been circulated. It is such a clever fraud that Secretary Gage has decided to stop issuing and call in all $100 silver certificates of which there are $26,000,000 outstanding.

Jan. 3rd, closed the municipal campaign in London, Ontario, and a large crowd gathered in the city hall to hear the last addresses. The building being old, the floor collapsed the result of which twenty four persons were killed and many more injured.

John Hubbard is charged with filling the shoulder of Samuel Merritt with bird shot. Both parties are of McLennan.

The trial of W. R. Gaines, charged with the murder of Charley Koch, in Sherman a few years ago, will begin in the district court at Sherman, Jan. 17. Gaines was formerly convicted but the supreme court reversed the decision and remanded for a new trial.

The editor of the McKinney Gazette prints his "pictur" and a "sketch" of his life, and it is announced that he will be a probable candidate for the legislature. That is just a little too many for plain thinking people.—Van Alstyne News.

A unique Christmas affair in way of a well conducted minstrel show was organized at Rusk penitentiary in 1876 and to this day is carried on successfully by the prisoners. This Christmas over a thousand persons were present, many coming from all over the state to witness it. One third of the proceeds went to the charity fund of the penitentiary and the remainder was divided among the prisoners who took part in the play.

C. P. Andrews of Ohio has come to Texas and will start "A Bee Farm" in Bosque county. He says: "A man who has 1000 stands of busy bees owns his workers and they are the most cheerful slaves on earth. All they ask is a chance and if they get it they will make their owners rich.

THE senatorial struggle is now on in Ohio. The legislature convened Monday, Jan. 3. Nine anti-Hanna republicans aided by the democrats organized the house by electing anti-Hanna officials. The bolting republicans are running Governor Bushnell against Hanna for senator. Hanna and his friends claim they will regain enough of the bolting republicans to land him. The fight is red hot and bids fair to disrupt the republican party in Ohio. The legislature has adjourned until next Monday when the balloting for United States senator will begin.

Considerable counterfeit money has been circulating in Bryan, Tex. during the last few months, the results of which one negro has been jailed.

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Hymenial.

Sam W. Appale and Miss Emma Beck were married by Eld. G. W. Taylor the 31st, ult in Fairfield.

W. R. Russell and Miss Carrie Ault were married in this city on the 30th, ult, by Eld. Jno. M. McKinney. The ceremony was performed at the home of Eld. McKinney.

On New Year's day another couple were married by Eld. Jno. M. McKinney at his home in this city. Both parties were from Sherman. Their names were Bert Carter and Miss Iona Smith.

John W. Cox recently made a trip to Saline county, Missouri, and returned during the holidays with a bride. His marriage took place Dec. 22nd at the home of the bride, Miss Ruth G. Hindman, near Napton, Mo. and Rev Bolton officiated. The groom formerly resided up there but several years ago came to Texas with his father E. P. Cox, of McKinney and has many friends here and in the Walnut Grove community, where he once lived, to congratulc him on this important step of life which he has taken. May the spark of love ignited in early youth, and, which time nor distance extinguished, continue to flame and light their future pathway with its bright rays of domestic happiness.

RELIGIOUS.

All the services at the Christian church, Sunday, were well attended as is usual when inclement weather doesn't interfere. Pastor Hallam preached his first anniversary sermon. The year's review showed much splendid work done by every arm of the church and the most prosperous era in its career:

New Year's services were held at the Episcopal church, Sunday. The pastor, Rev. Galbraith, will preach in Greenville next, Sunday.

This week is being observed by the churches of the city as a "week of prayer." Union services were and are to be held as follows.

Mon. night,	Baptist	church.
Tues. "	Christian	"
Wed. "	Cumberland P.	"
Thur. "	Presbyterian	"
Fri. "	Methodist	"

The business meeting of the Womans Parsonage and Home Mission society met Dec. 13 '97 with Mrs Flora Shrader. Officers present seven, reading of scripture 5th chapter Ephesians, prayer. Minutes of preceding meeting read and approved, report of treasurer accepted, corresponding secretary distributed literarture. Treasurer was ordered to send district treasurer $2.00 toward furnishing room of Rescue Home. Our motto adopted for 1898 "The Lord is my Shepard I shall not want." Reading course favorably discussed and will be decided upon at next meeting. Mrs. Welch will conduct the lesson in literature. Mrs. Davis will instruct the society in systematic giving. Visiting committee, Mrs. Welch and Mrs Chandler. Adjourned to meet Monday Jan. 10, 1898 with Mrs. A. G. Chandler.

At eleven Snnday morning the first year's anniversary of Dr. E. E. King's pastorate was observed with fitting exercises at the Baptist church. Dr. W. T. Moore talked on its organization now nearly twenty seven years ago. The contrast was striking in every respect as to the condition of the flock then and now. Then it numbered only 13 members, now, 335 names are on its rolls. The organization was effected in the old court house that stood on the present site of the county jail. Services were afterwards held in the old Christian church, then in the old Allison hall on the west side of the square. When the Cumberland Presbyterians built their church they kindly tendered their Baptist brethren the use of it one Sunday in each month which offer was accepted and that church continued to be the flock's place of public worship until the dedication of their first building in 1873. Dr. R. C. Buckner, the now famous director of Buckners Orphan Home in Dallas, was pastor at that time and the old pioneer Texan and Baptist educator Rufus C. Burleson preached the dedication sermon. The church roll was read by the clerk and a large per cent of the members were present to respond. Talks followed by J. C. Moore and J. W. Webb on the prayer meeting, J. S. Dowell on the donovan, Supt. T. C. Perry on the Sunday school, Mrs. A. L. Gerrish on the Ladies Aid Society, Dr. J. T. Taylor on the B. Y. P. U., and Mrs. E. E. King on church music. The treasurer's report showed a sound financial standing. Prof. J. B. Dodson and J. C. Moore made brief talks. The latter concerning Rev. Staunton, the organizer of the church. Mrs. Mate Barnett and L. N. Baugh, two energetic workers in religious circles, also responded to calls for remarks. Thus Dr. King finds his charge, at the end of his first year's pastorate in McKinney, flourishing spiritually and working harmoniously in the Master's cause for the salvation of souls. As a pastor and citizen he is known only to be esteemed wherever he goes by both saint and sinner. May he remain in McKinney to celebrate many future occasions such as his large congregation witnessed last Sunday.

Beware of Ointments for Catarrh That Contain Mercury

As mercury will surely destroy the sense of smell and completely derange the whole system when entering it through the mucous surfaces. Such articles should never be used except on prescriptions from reputable physicians as the damage they will do is ten fold to the good you can possibly derive from them. Hall's Catarrh Cure manufactured by F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, O., contains no mercury, and is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. In buying Hall's Catarrh Cure be sure you get the genuine. It is taken internally, and made in Toledo, Ohio, by F. J. Cheney & Co. Testimonials free. Sold by Druggists, price 75c per bottle.

Hall's Family Pills are the best.

After several months absence with relatives and friends in various portions of Tennessee Col. R. D. Allison has returned to his home in McKinney. Col. Allison was a gallant commander in both the Mexican war and civil strife. Heroic conduct on the field of courage and uniform kindness in camp served to greatly endear him in the hearts of his old veterans. Wherever he goes either in the states of Texas or Tennessee, when among them, he is received with marks of genuine affection and utmost kindness. In civil life he faithfully served a number of terms both these two states in their legislatures. Much consideration was shown him at the late Tennessee Centennial at Nashville by the public generally and more especially by old ex-confederate soldiers. Col. Allison is now in his 88th year and says he returns to Texas in better health than he has enjoyed for ten years.

PRECIPITATION AT ADVALOREM.

For The Month Of December—Also Total Rainfall During 1898—Faithful Record By Chas. B. Moore.

Chas. B. Moore sends the below interesting registry of last month's and last year's rainfall to THE DEMOCRAT. Mr. Moore is an old pioneer of this county who has has long resided at advalorem 6 miles north of McKinney. For many years he has faithfully observed and registered the rainfall. Since the beginning of its career THE DEMOCRAT has published these monthly and annual reports with regularity which are much valued on account of their exactness by its readers:

DECEMBER RAINFALL 1897.

Dec. 2	1-4	.2500
" 3 & 4 snow sleet	1-8	.1250
" 18	5-8	.6250
" 19	3-8	.3750
" 20	3-8	.3750
" 21	3-8	.3750
" 24	1-4	.2500
" 26	1-4	.2500
Total	2 5 8	2.6250

TOTAL RAINFALL 1897.

January	3.0000inches.
February	.5000
March	7.3750
April	3.1250
May	7.7500
June	6.7500
July	1.0000
August	1.0000
September	2.0000
October	2.6875
November	.5000
December	2.6250
Total	38.3125

M'KINNEY MARKETS.

[CORRECTED WEEKLY.]

Cotton	4.50 to 5.25
Wheat per bus	90to 92cts.
Corn per bus	28 to 30cts.
Oats per bus	21 to 22cts
Hay baled per ton	$5.50 to $6.50
Millet hay per ton	$5.50 to $6.50.
Flour per cwt	$2.40 to $2.75.
Cotton seed per ton	$6.00 to $6.50.
Baled Oats per ton	$6.50.
Meal per bus	40 to 45cts.
Straw per ton	$5.00
Chops per cwt	75cts.
Bran per cwt	75 to 80cts.
Butter per lb	10 to 12½cts.
Eggs per doz	10 to 15cts.
Lard per lb	6½ to 7½cts.
Sheep	$2.00 to $2.50.
Hogs per cwt	$2.25 to $2.75.
Beef on foot per cwt	$2.25 to $2.50.
Beef dressed per lb	5cts.
Dressed pork per lb	4cts.
Chickens per doz	$1.75 to 2.25.
Irish Potatoes, per bu	75 to 80cts.
Sweet Potatoes, per bu	50 to 75cts.
Turnips, per bu	50cts.

You will never feel like kicking your self if you spend your nickels at the Nickel Store.

Uncle Ed Bowen of the Nickle Store has a razor which he has been shaving with since 1859. It was given him in Grimes county, Tex., that year by his negro overseer to whose possession it came down through several preceding generations as a family heirloom.

Prof. L. R. Walden formerly of the Austin business college is in the city and has perfected arrangements with the school board to conduct a writing class at the public school building. Date of opening will be announced later. The school will be conducted during the hour from 4 to 5 p. m. each day.

LIST OF LETTERS.

Remaining unclaimed in the postoffice, at McKinney, Tex Dec. ,23 '97, which, if unclaimed in two weeks, will be sent to Dead Letter Office at Washington, D. C.

LADIES.

Bates Lula	Danill Mollie
Hopkins Ida	Parker E A
Shane E	Stantton Miss
Strong Francis	Toliver Sarah
Smith Ruby	

GENTLEMAN.

Benon John T	Boorman T G
Chapman H W	rowlar Jake
Gillbo Francis	Haynes R S
Hankins W L	Hill M L
Jewler W M	Johnson Hosie
McDowell Lee	Robenson Wyne
Rogers Thomas	Saylor Chas E
Stanley Willie	Taylor H H
Smith Sherman H	Walder W J
Wetsel J T	Wise Willie
Williams John S	Young H J (2)

Persons calling for letters on this list must say "advertised" or they may fail to get them.

Mrs. M. A. Cameron
Postmistress.

Bailey on Fusion.

The recent expressions of Gov. Stephens of Missouri, concerning fusion, calls forth the following from the Boonville (Mo.) Advertiser:

"His views on the question of fusion at the next state election will be indorsed by an overwhelming majority of his party and will prevail in the convention. We are pleased to note that Mr. Bailey, of Texas, the brilliant young leader of the Democrats in congress, in an interview published in The Chicago Chronicle, expresses views similar to those of Governor Stephens on the question of fusion. Both of these gentlemen favor fusion where it is necessary, in order to beat the common enemy to the fusion parties, either in county or state, but would oppose such fusion where one of the opponents of the Republican party is strong enough to defeat the common enemy. Mr. Bailey the democratic leader in congress, says: "I have been criticised for my opposition to fusion. I am against fusion because I am a Democrat. In Texas we do not need fusion to win. If I lived in Kansas I might be willing to fuse with the Populists against Republicans. But the fusion ticket would have to be labeled the Democratic ticket to command my support.'"

EVERYBODY COME.

TO THE

New Restaurant and Bakery,

Next Door to J. P. Dowell, for a Strictly

FIRST-CLASS MEAL, SHORT ORDERS.

OF ANY KIND.

FRESH BREAD AND CAKES, ETC.

Prompt and Polite Attention.

Thompson Bros. & Mitchell, Proprietors.

1870. 1898.

READ CAREFULLY and PASS JUDGMENT.

WHAT WE SAY. - WHAT SAY YOU.

It is with great pleasure that we express our sincere thanks to our numerous friends and patrons for their liberal patronage during the past year.

The approach of the year 1898 promises, according to the prediction of our greatest financiers, to have better times in store for us, nevertheless, it is the duty of every man, woman and child in Collin county, before spending one single cent for any goods to ask themselves the question:

Where is the best place to Purchase my Goods?

We do not like to make a partial decision, but we desire to present to every reasonable mind our claims and let you render the verdict. The first question that should be seriously considered by you is this: Has this merchant who is asking me to trade with him the ability? We are proud to say that our record for the last 28 years in the town of McKinney speaks for itself. M. Aron & Co.'s credit in the eastern markets is as good as any merchant in Texas; why? because their dealings with the manufacturers and wholesale dealers always has been honest and square, and this has given us a commercial reputation that is only enjoyed by a very few, and we stand squarely upon this principle, and therefore

BUY OUR GOODS RIGHT,

and always and at any time have the entire market open to us, in the United States as well as abroad. M. Aron & Co. ask no favors of any manufacturers or wholesalers, they purchase their goods for the Spot Cash and only in their own name, they have a resident buyer in the city of New York the year round who is thoroughly posted of wants of the people. We handle no job lots, but buy straight goods of the latest styles, and do not practice any deception on the public by flaming ads and sensational matter. Now, Mr. Consumer, are you going to trade in McKinney, Texas in the year 1898? if so, don't you think you will be fully protected and buy your goods at the right price at M. Aron & Co.'s and as cheap as your neighbor, as our principle of doing business is strictly one price to all; the most expert buyer cannot buy any cheaper in our establishment than your child. Armed with these facilities that M. Aron & Co. have for buying their goods always at the lowest price, and selling with a small profit and treatiug all alike, carrying

NICE, STYLISH GOODS,

which are received by them daily, and not offering mistakes to the public of a half dozen old and shop-worn bankrupt stocks. Will you hesitate? no, but come right along and make up your mind to trade with the old reliable. Send your wife, or daughter, or son, and come yourself and trade with us, and you will find your reward will be that you have **more nice, stylish goods for LESS MONEY** than the so-called bargains offered.

Thanking you again for all past favors, and promising you that if you entrust us with your business for the coming year, we guarantee satisfaction in every instance, and would ask every one that has any complaint to make against our establishment to notify us and we will be more than glad to correct same.

M. ARON & CO.

The Collin County National Bank.

M'KINNEY, TEXAS.

Capital + + + $100,000

OFFICERS;

G. A. Foote,.....President.
E. N. McAulay,.....Vice-President.
J. L. White,.....Cashier.
T. C. Goodner,.....Ass't Cashier.

ANNUAL STATEMENT OF THE

Collin County National Bank.

McKinney, Texas, December 31, 1897.

RESOURCES.

Loans and Discounts		$293,965.74
U. S. Bonds		25,500.00
Other Stocks and Bonds		3,076.50
Real Estate and Fixtures		30,855.87
Cash in Vault	$ 72,876.70	
Cash in Other Banks	152,113.60	
Cash with U. S. Treasury	1,147.50	226,137.80
Expense Account		4,786.30
		$584,322.21

LIABILITIES

Capital Stock	$100,000.00	
Surplus and Profits	42,726.14	$142,726.14
Circulation		22,950.00
Individual Deposits	408,213.81	
Bank Deposits	10,432.26	418,646.07
		$584,322.21

STATE OF TEXAS } ss.
COUNTY OF COLLIN }

I, J. L. White, Cashier of the Collin County National Bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is correct to the best of my knowledge and belief. J. L. WHITE, Cashier

Sworn to and subscribed before me this, the 1st day of January, 1898.
JOHN CHURCH, Notary Public.

Correct—Attest: G. A. FOOTE, E. N. MCAULAY, W. A. RHEA, Directors.

DEAR SIR: We beg to hand you the annual statement of the Collin County National Bank for the year ending December 31, 1897.

We return our thanks for favors in the past, and promise for the future, to all business entrusted to us, our very best care and attention.

Wishing you a happy New Year, We are. Respectfully,
J. L. WHITE, Cashier.

G. A. FOOTE, President.

LOCAL NEWS.

Personals and Happenings of Interest Gathered for The Democrat's Many Readers.

Mack Ogilvie is now a traveling salesman.

J. W. Asbury arrived home Monday evening from Missouri.

We truly thank you for your liberal patronage during 1897 and solicit a continuance of your grocery trade during 1898. Goostree & Houston.

The commissioners court is holding a special session this week.

Old Tennessee Apple Brandy and Maryland Peach, at City Drug Store.

Stop that Cough! Take warning. It may lead to Consumption. A 25c. bottle of Shiloh's Cure may save your life. Sold by Smith Bros. 1

M. W. Allen went up to Melissa, Tuesday evening.

The machinery for boring the artesian well was shipped from Corsicana, Tuesday.

Spend your nickel at the Nickel Store.

Pure blood is absolutely necessary for perfect health. Hood's Sarsaparilla is the one true blood purifier, and great health giver.

We pay our customers the best prices for their cotton and produce. Goostree & Houston

Miss Sue Barnes has gone to Denton to spend several months visiting friends

Bob Hickman was here from Hickman, Tuesday.

Catarrh Cured. A clear head and sweet breath secured with Shiloh's Catarrh Remedy; sold on a guarantee. Nasal injector free. Sold by Smith Bros. 1

The Estey piano is taking the lead with sweet clear tone upon the same basis that placed the Estey organ ahead. First class material and superior workmanship. J. T. Couch.

Mrs. V. H. Ogilvie visited here from Melissa this week.

T. C. Perry retains his old position in the Mississippi store which was recently purchased by the owners of the Racket Store.

Goostree & Houston's grocery customers get more numerous as the months roll by.

Mrs. J. L. White gave a whist party Monday evening to a number of her young friends.

Fragrant are the flowers, blue is the sky
Sweet is the note of the lark's [morning cry,
Delicious is the Bouquet of Canada Rye
of R. E. Bristol, sole agent City Drug Store.

Blue Ridge was represented at the county capital Tuesday by Esq. E. E. Holt and Mr. Connor.

Don't be misled. The only place you can buy the Genuine Canada Rye is of R. E. Bristol, sole agent, City Drug Store.

For Constipation take Karl's Clover Root Tea, the great Blood Purifier. Cures Headache, Nervousness, Eruptions on the face, and makes the head clear as a bell. Sold by Smith Bros. 1

Collin County Swine Breeders' association will meet in McKinney, Saturday, Jan. 8, 1898. T. M. Wilson, secretary.

Misses Lula and Della Allison returned, Sunday evening, from a three days visit in Farmersville.

Save Your Money.
One box of Tutt's Pills will save many dollars in doctors' bills They will surely cure all diseases of the stomach, liver or bowels.

No Reckless Assertion
For sick headache, dyspepsia, malaria, constipation and biliousness, a million people endorse
TUTT'S Liver PILLS

Miss Mattie Allison returned to her home in Grapevine, Sunday, after a brief visit to her uncle, Scott Allison, and family in McKinney.

When you cannot sleep for coughing take Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. It always gives prompt relief. It is most excellent for colds, too, as it aids expectoration, relieves the lungs and prevents any tendency toward pneumonia. For sale by City Drug Store

We are in receipt of a bunch of beautifully arranged calendars for 1898 presented by Edwin Chamberlain & Co of San Antonio, state agents of the Mutual Life insurance company of New York.

TO CURE A COLD IN ONE DAY.

Take Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets. All druggists refund the money if it fails to cure.

Just received, one car load of **Fresh Portland Cement**; also fire clay brick, sand, lime, etc. For sale cheap at Wilcox & Sons' **Lumber Yard.**

County Treasurer Saunder's office is adorned with some thrifty oleanders. These popular tropical growths are the property of J. L. Todd.

W. A. Wolcott, who recently removed from McKinney to Roswell, N. M., with his family, writes back that his health has steadily improved since his change of climate.

Mr. Elisha Berry, of this place, says he never had anything do him so much good and give such quick relief from rhematism as Chamberlains Pain Balm He was bothered greatly with shooting pains from hip to knee until he used this liniment, which affords prompt relief.—B. F. Baker, druggist, St. Paris, Ohio. For sale by City Drug Store.

Loyal Council No. 52, Jr. O. U. A. M., and Magnolia Camp No. 431, Woodmen of the World now meet in their hall on East Louisiana street which was lately equipped especially for them.

NO CURE--NO PAY.

That is the way all druggists sel GROVE'S TASTELESS CHILL TONIC for Malaria, Chills and Fever. It is simply Iron and Quinine in a tasteless form. Children love it. Adults prefer it to bitter, nauseating Tonics. Price 50c.

Sole agency for I. W. Harper Canada Rye, Chase's Barley Malt, Paul Jones Rye, Delmonico and full stock of Best Brands, Handmade sour mash from Kentucky, at City Drug Store.

Karl's Clover Root Tea, for Constipation it's the Best and if after using it you don't say so, return the package and get your money. Sold by Smith Bros. 1

Miss Alice Tolbert, student in a Dallas school, spent the holidays with her brother, M. E. Purnell, and family in McKinney.

The home of county collector A. W. N[illegible] in this city was the scene of a s[illegible] reception Monday evening. N[illegible]s guests were present, among t[illegible] Misses Alice Lewis and Grace Hendricks of Farmersville. Miss Helen Knighton was hostess. Various diversions furnished amusement and refreshments were served in several courses.

Chicken Powder at Smith Bros.

Don't waste your nickels but spend them at the Nickel Store.

Standard goods, low profits, straightforward dealing and courteous attention to all never fails of reward to the merchants who adopt this motto. The truthfulness of this is demonstrated by Goostree & Houston's immense grocery trade.

Another year has rolled around and the Nickel Store still greets you—Next door to post office.

Don't forget T. J. Melton, the groceryman, will also sell you stock feed and deliver to any part of the city. Baled hay, corn and bran, always on hand.

Horse Powder at Smith Bros.

Our spacious grocery store is full to the ceiling with a full, fresh line of goods. Don't worry for fear of getting stale goods. They are not on our shelves. Goostree & Houston.

A dining was given, Tuesday, by Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Wiley in honor of their sister, Mrs. W. H. Henderson, of Ozark, Alabama.

I am now prepared to feed both man and beast. Buy your hay, corn and bran from me. T. J. Melton.

Chicken Powder at Smith Bros.

We desire a portion of your grocery trade during 1898.
Goostree & Houston.

Bring your eggs, butter, lard, chickens, and farm produce to T. J. Melton. He always gives the top of the market for everything and best bargains in groceries.

Rare old Peach and Brandies, Wines Gin and Kentucky Whiskies at City Drug Store.

Horse Powder at Smith Bros.

T. B. Wilson was at his office, Monday, for the first time since his late illness.

Tetter, Salt-Rheum and Eczema.

The intense itching and smarting incident to these diseases is instantly allayed by applying Chamberlain's Eye and Skin Ointment. Many very bad cases have been permanently cured by it. It is equally efficient for itching piles and a favorite remedy for sore nipples chapped hands, chilblains, frost bites and chronic sore eyes. 25 cts. per box.

Dr. Cady's Condition Powders, are just what a horse needs when in bad condition. Tonic, blood purifier and vermifuge. They are not food but medicine and the best in use to put a horse in prime condition. Price 25 cents per package

Buy your holiday whiskies where you get the best, at City Drug Store.

Shiloh's Consumption Cure cures where others fail. It is the leading Cough Cure, and no home should be without it. Pleasant to take and goes right to the spot. Sold by Smith Bros. 1

Chicken Powder at Smith Bros.

I want country lard. Highest prices paid. T. J. Melton

Does your house need painting? Go to Wilcox & Sons' Lumber Yard for Vane Calvert Palace Car Colors, the best paint "on earth;" also Collier's White Lead, Pure Linseed oil, Brushes, Window glass, etc.

WHAT Dr. A. E. SALTER SAYS:

BUFFALO, N. Y.—Gents:—From my personal knowledge, gained in observing the effect of your Shiloh's Cure in cases of advanced consumption, I am prepared to say is the most remarkable Remedy that has ever been brought to my attention. It has certainly saved many from Consumption. Sold by Smith Bros. 1

Horse Powder at Smith Bros.

A three days Masonic school of instruction begins next Tuesday in Farmersville.

Make your wife and children happy by taking them to the Nickel Store when in McKinney.

Henry Parvin and family have removed from Parvin to McKinney.

Deputy Organizer M. A. Cobb, of Itaska, will organize a Woodmen of the World camp at Melissa, Monday night.

S. Wiseman moved into his newly acquired property, the Gov. Throckmorton residence, this week.

The Nickel Store's stock consists of varied useful and ornamental articles. Next time you are in McKinney inspect it.

Henceforth I will handle only country lard. Farmers bring your surplus supply to my store. Consumers buy of me if you want the purest product. T. J. Melton.

Dud Rike, of Farmersville, is now a law student in Abernathy & Beverly's office.

Trustees Sale of Lands.

I have 80 acres of land in the Benj. Clark survey, about two miles north of Blue Ridge, and 10 acres in the W. W. Bell survey, belonging to the estate of Ben W. Rhine, which I will sell low. If not sold privately, will be sold publicly on Jan. 29, 1898, in the city of McKinney.

GREENBERRY ADAMS,
Trustee.

Miss Georgia Cannon of Van Alstyne visited the Misses Wallace last week. The latter returned home with her.

Misses Grace Hendricks and Alice Lewis returned to Farmersville Wednesday.

Foote House Barber Shop.

When in need of barbering don't forget to call on Ed & Will at the Foote House barber shop. They have got the only first class shop in town. You will have to pay for what you get, but will get what you pay for and in first class style. They employ none but expert workmen. They appreciate your patronage in the past and solicit a continuance of the same during the year 1898.

Miss Susie Stone and little Willie Grenlee of Greenville are visiting the family of Ed Hinman.

Fred Cox a McKinney College student had his thigh bone broken one day this week while playing foot ball.

Joe Dexter died at the poor farm yesterday from injuries received in the fatal runaway in west McKinney the 16th of last month. This was the second death resulting from that sad accident. Chas. Kendrick was the other victim.

American Mechanics.

Loyal Council, Jr. O. U. A. M. elected officers last Friday night for the ensuing year, as follows: Hugh McClellan, C., O. H. Brooks. V. C., W. Howell, Con., R. E. Chambers I. S., J. E. Hinman, O. S., Will Edwards. W., Scott Allison, Chp., J. E. Hinman, Trustee, Hugh McClellan state representative.

When You Have a Bad Cold.

You want the best medicine that can be obtained, and that is Chamberlain's Cough Remedy.

You want a remedy that will not only give quick relief but effect a permanent cure.

You want a remedy that will relieve the lungs and keep expectoration easy.

You want a remedy that will counteract any tendency toward pneumonia.

You want a remedy that is pleasant and safe to take.

Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is the only medicine in use that meets all of these requirements This remedy is famous for its cures of bad colds throughout the United States and in many foreign countries. It has many rivals, but for the speedy and permanent cure of bad colds, stands without a peer and its splendid qualities are everywhere admired and praised. For sale by City Drug Store.

To The Public.

To those who have patronized me during the three years I have been in your midst, I wish to extend my heartiest thanks and still solicit your much appreciated support.

Also, to those who have never had any dealings with me, I desire to say this: If you want good, fresh Groceries, Tinware, Glassware and Queensware, at a low margin, come and try me during 1898, and see if you don't beat your past record.

Yours Resp.,
MATE BARNETT.
East La. Street.

Awarded
Highest Honors—World's Fair.
DR.
PRICE'S
CREAM
BAKING
POWDER
MOST PERFECT MADE.
A pure Grape Cream of Tartar Powder. Free from Ammonia, Alum or any other adulterant.
40 YEARS THE STANDARD.

Communicated.

McKinney, Tex., Nov. 23, '97.
To The Gazette:

You are the only democrat editor in the county that says they will publish both sides of finance or anything else outside of personalities. It is further believed that from the course you are taking that your paper will be the leading democratic paper in North Texas. You have started off on the right foot. You say the people can't live on four nor five cent cotton; that is right, just tell it all. Say they can't live on 25c first-class corn, neither can they live on 25c last-class corn; neither can they live on pork at $2.60 or $2.80. They can't live on mules, horses, jack and jennets at the present prices. Worse than all the poor land renter he pays high as $4.00 per acre.

This year the average of the best county in the state of Texas is about five acres to the bale. They have to pay $8.50 per bale for shipping their cotton the same distance that Georgia and Mississippi pays only $1. We are under the great railroad commission law. We have to pay only $57,080.00 for two years service of the great railroad robbery commissioners. Now if the above statement is not true, say so and I will correct it. I will tell you in my next letter why one-half of the renters of Texas are this day on the verge of starvation. Yours truly.
JOHN JOHNSON.

P. S.—Please answer this.
J. J.

A SECOND LETTER TO THE GAZETTE

Dec. 28th, '97.

Dear Sir:—You have done more for the laboring class of people and the sufferers of Cuba the short time you have run The Gazette than all the democratic papers in the state. You have shown up the sufferings of Cuba in full, which proves to the world the populists platform of '96 was right in offering to defend Cuba. Here is the populist plank in the 1896 platform, "We believe the time has come when the United States, the great republic of the world, should recognize that Cuba is, and of right, ought to be a free and independent state," Now what did the democratic platform say. "We extend our sympathy to the people of Cuba in their heroic struggle for liberty and Independence." There is no man on earth but what will sympathize for a starved and abused dog, what is that worth to the dog. Now we come to the railroad robbery. You have put more democrats to thinking than all the populist papers in the state could, for the reason the democrats won't read them. I have been asked by over one hundred democrats if you were going to answer the above letter They claim to me if the above letter is true they never will vote the democratic ticket again. Now I reproduce the above letter that you published in your paper and refused to answer. I made some mistakes in it but now have the true data and it shows up the railroad in a worse light than I published. I dare you to answer it, but thank you for your honesty. You are a true populist at heart.
JOHN JOHNSON.

Good goods Or Cheap Stuff

WHICH?

We believe that this is a question with the public since economy is the prevailing theme.

We recognize this as something worth the consideration of the people and knowing the facts as we do we feel it right to suggest to you the

Importance of buying Good Goods.

We are looking out for this and one thing we find always true, that cheap shoddy goods never bring a customer. You can sell him once but you never get him again. One thing, we know, is necessary to our success and that is your confidence

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in town. In fact have but little competition in the shoe trade, and if in need of a good pair of shoes we have them

Our men's Clothing stock we expect to close out entirely, which you can buy at absolute COST.

We call your attention to the very close and special prices on

OUR DRESS GOODS

We have quite a large line of heavy wool dress goods and a few number of Novelty patterns which we will close out much below their values.

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Thanking you heartily and extending many greetings for the New Year and trusting to have your business, we are,

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C. L. MISTROT'S New Year's Greeting.

In compliance with the confidence which Father Time of 1897 has shown us we make our bow for the New Year. We beg leave to inform our friends and patrons of McKinney and Collin County, that we are fully aware that our future business destiny is hinged on a continuance of the maans by which we have gained our popularity.

We will say that we shall at all times strive to excel even our past record by placing the different lines of merchandise which we handle at prices within the reach of exerybody, at prices which will always indicate that we UNDERBUY and UNDERSELL.

NOTICE the prices advertised in this paper will hold good at our store, until All Quantities on Hand Are Closed Out.

We have large quantities of everything advertised with exception of a few items.

Notions and Gloves.

Ladies' Wool Mitts, the 25c qualities at.....15c.
6 dozen Men's Mocha Dress Gloves, 1.25 grades,.....75c.
5 dozen Boys Dress Gloves, the 75c kinds, at.....50c.
5 dozen Men's colored durable gloves, 1.00 grades at.....50c
15 dozen men's Gloves, assorted samples, values up to 1.50, 75c

Hosiery.

Ladies' plain wool Hose, the 25c grades at.....18c.
Ladies black Hose, the 20c grades, 2 for.....25c.
Ladies' silk finish Hose, the 50c grades, 3 pairs for.....50c.
Ladies' fast black Hose, finished seams, warranted, 2 for 25c goods, half price, 4 pairs for 25c.
15 dozen men's fine wool Hose at.....25c.
15 dozen men's gray wool Hose 2 for.....25c.
25 dozen men's gray mixed Hose, 10c grade, 5 pairs for 25c.

Blankets and Comforts.

Bradford & Thomas, 45% off.
A Comfort, small size.....50c
A good warm Comfort at..88c.
A Comfort 63 x 72 at....1.00.
A Comfort 68 x 79 at.....1.25
27 pairs grey Blankets, the 1.00 kind, per pair.....65c.
72 pairs white Blankets, 1.00 grade, per pair.....65c
50 pairs white California Blankets, 3.50 grade,.....2.50.
50 pairs gray wool Blankets, the 3.00 grade.....2.25.
40 single white and colored Blankets, each.....25c.

Ties.

15 dozen men's silk string Ties 50c grades at.....25c.
15 dozen men's Teck Scarfs, 2 for.....25c,
10 dozen men's silk Teck Scarfs at only.....25c.

Knit Goods.

Sample lot (H. & G. Eeder) drummers' Fascinators, jet trimmed, 60c kind.....38c

Fascinators, plain zephyr goods 35c kinds at.....25c.
Children's Hoods at 25c, 35c, 50c and.....38c.
Ladies Union Suits, 75c kinds, at.....50c.
Children's Union Suits, 35c kinds at.....25c
Children's Union Suits, 50c and 75c kinds at.....38c.
Ladies Knit Vests, 25c grades at.....18c
Ladies Silk Front Vests, 40c grades at.....25c

Boys' and Men's Hats and Caps.

A handsome cloth cap, 60c grade, at.....25c
A man's black stiff Hat, the 1.50 grade,.....50.
Men's soft fur Hats, the 2.00 styles at.....1 00
50 dozen men's soft Hats, 2.50 ank 3.00 grades.....1.50

Handkerchiefs.

10 dozen plain white handkerchiefs, usual 10c kinds.....5c.
10 dozen ladies fancy embroidered edge Handkerchiefs, 20c kinds, 2 for.....25c.
5 dozen ladies silk handkerchiefs, this lot.....10c.
14 dozen ladies' fancy edged Handkerchiefs at.....10c.
12 dozen ladies fancy edge Handkerchiefs at.....5c.
10 dozen ladies fancy edge handkerchiefs at.....4c.

Ladies' and Men's Shoes.

Anderson and Ellis 50% discount
15 cases men's shoes, 2.00, 2.25 and 2.50 grades.....1.50
22 cases men's shoes, 2.75, 3.00 and 3.50 grades.....1.75
5 cases men's shoes, 5.00 grades at.....2.98.
5 cases men's kangaroo shoes, 3.50 grade at.....1.75,
25 cases women's kid shoes, 1.50 grade at.....1 00.
20 cases ladies fine button shoes, 2.25 and 2.50 grades..1.75

Capes and Jackets.

Bought at 45 per cent off and sold at one-half plain figure marks.

150 ladies black cloth capes, nicely trimmed, 7.50 kinds, half marked price.....3.50
120 ladies black beaded capes, plain figure mark 7.00.....3.50
88 ladies black capes, fur trimmed, plain figure mark 3.00, 1.50
76 ladies black beaver capes, plain figure mark 10.00,.....5.00
78 ladies fine beaver Capes, plain figure mark 12.00,.....6.00
89 ladies' cloth capes, fur trimmed, half plain figure mark 1.75.
6 dozen ladies heavy black wool jackets, half figure mark....75c
6 dozen ladies heavy assorted capes, half plain figure mark 2.50
3 dozen misses heavy assorted capes, half plain figure mark 2.50
Ladies flannel skirts, value 1.25 at.....75c
Ladies heavy Jackets, value 1.50 at.....75c
15 ladies nicely trimmed black capes, value 8.00.....3.50
Good black cloth capes, 40 per cent off, at.....1.25

Men's Top Shirts.

Men's top shirts at.....25c
15 dozen men's percale shirts striped, at.....50c
15 dozen men's 75c percale shirts, 2 for.....75c
10 dozen men's white shirts 75c and.....1.00
15 dozen men's percale shirts, samples, 1.00, 1.25 and 1.50 grades, this lot.....75c

Sample Lot in Hosiery.

Only one to three pairs of a kind.
10c Hosiery for woman, man or child at.....5c.
20c hosiery for woman, man or child at.....10c
30c hosiery in wool, for woman, man or child.....20c
40c hosiery, in wool, for woman, man or child.....25c.
35c hosiery, in wool, for woman at.....18c.
25c hosiery, in wool, for Misses 2 for.....25c.

Mackintoshes and Gossamers.

157 men's English ribbed mackintoshes, blue and black, 5.00 qualities.....2.75.
191 men's wide Wales mackentoshes, black and blue, value 5.00.....2.75
120 men's wool high grade mackintoshes, 7.50 quality 4.00
3 doz ladies gossamers, the 1.50 kinds, 45% off.....1.00
2 dozen ladies gossamers, the 1.00 kind, 45% off.....50c

Clothing.

Here is where our big discounts are felt by our clothing competitors—everything positively one half plain figure mark—
250 boys knee suits 2.00, 2.50, and 3.00 kinds.....1.50
500 men's fine suits, black cheviots, 15,00 grades.....7.50
Brown Cheviots, 17.00 grades at.....8.50.
Black Cheviot, satin lined, 25.00 grades at.....12.50.
200 men's fine suits, brown plaids, 15.00 suits, at.....7.50.
Scotch wool suits, 11.50 grades at.....5.90
Scotch wool suits, 7.50 grades, at.....3.75
Blue and grey mixed, 5.00 grades, at.....2.50.

Pants.

40 pairs boys wool pants, 75c and.....98c
Dark wool cassimere, tailormade, 5.00 grades.....2.98.
120 pairs heavy wool pants, 1.50 grades.....1.00
150 pairs heavy wool pants, 2.00 grades.....1.25
75 pairs men's fancy California pants, 7.00 grades.....3.98.
Blue Overalls at.....50c

Men's Underwear.

36 dozen men's heavy fleeced Undershirts, 75c, 1.00 grade, 50c.
45 dozen men's red wool underwear, 65c kinds.....38c
50 dozen men's gray fleeced underwear, 50c kinds.....25c
50 dozen men's heavy Canton Drawers, 40c kinds.....25c

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O. W. Harper, who has a store, two miles south of Greenville, Tex., had two mules killed last week by the Midland train. He was driving a four-mule team across the track when the train ran into him, killing the two wheel mules which were on the track, and scattering his load of [illegible] along the track. Mr. Harper [illegible].

Otherwise Occupied.

"It seems strange that he could plunder a great corporation like that for years without being found out."

"Well, you see, the corporation was pretty busy itself." —Chicago Journal.

How Famous Rulers Died.

King David died of old age.

Louis XVI died on the scaffold.

Richard III was killed in battle.

Abraham Lincoln was assassinated.

James A. Garfield was assassinated.

Charles I of England was beheaded.

Louis V was poisoned by his queen.

Mustapha II was strangled in prison.

Darius Codomanus was killed in battle.

Attila the Hun died in a drunken spree.

Millard Fillmore died of paralysis at 74.

Andrew Johnson died of paralysis at 67.

Achmen III was strangled by his guards.

Chester A. Arthur died of appoplexy at 56.

Louis I died of a fever during a campaign.

Nerva was supposed to have been poisoned.

General Grant died of a cancer of the throat at 63.

Emperor William of Germany died of old age.

Tiberius was smothered by one of his favorites.

Louis V was poisoned by his mother and his wife.

Solyman I was dethroned and murdered in prison.

Henry VI of England was murdered in prison.

Mustopha I was deposed and strangled in prison.

Charles III LeFou was deposed and died in prison.

George IV died from a complication of disorders.

Feodor II of Russia was assassinated in church.

John Adams passed away at 91 from senile debility.

Queen Anne died of dropsy, brought on by brandy.

Gregory V was driven from Rome and died in exile.

Louis Napoleon died in exile at Chiselhurst England.

Adolphus of Germany fell at the battle of Gelheim.

John Tyler died at 72 from a mysterious disorder.

Richard II is supposed to have been starved to death.

Jehoabaz, King of Judah, died in captivity in Egypt.

Lothaire of France was poisoned by female relatives.

George I died from Apoplexy, induced by drinking.

Pope [illegible]ando was supposed to have been poisoned.

Feodor I of Russia was deposed and died in prison.

Gustavus Adolphus was killed in the battle of Lutzen.

Sultan Musa-Chelebi was deposed and strangled.

Pope Donus II died suddenly, presumably by poison.

Pope John X died in prison, it is believed, by poison.

Solomon died of weariness at the vanity of human life.

Two children were burned to death in Florida on the 1st. during the absence of their parents from home.

Rheumatism

Is a blood disease and only a blood remedy can cure it. So many people make the mistake of taking remedies which at best are only tonics and cannot possibly reach their trouble. Mr. Asa Smith, Greencastle, Indiana, says: "For years I have suffered with Sciatic Rheumatism, which the best physicians were unable to relieve. I took many patent medicines but they did not seem to reach my trouble. I gradually grew worse until I was unable to take my food or handle myself in any way; I was absolutely helpless. Three bottles of S.S.S. relieved me so that I was soon able to move my right arm; before long I could walk across the room, and when I had finished one dozen bottles was cured completely and am as well as ever. I now weigh 170."

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GENERAL NEWS.

Items of Interest Briefly Culled For The Readers of The Democrat.

The Denton Crystal Ice Factory burned last week.

W. E. Burk, of Aubrey, has been adjudged insane.

A dead tramp was found in a well at Pecos, Texas, Sunday.

The Katy has a new depot at Rockwall.

William Toley is to be hanged at Liberty, Mo., Feb. 18th, for murder of his mother and sister.

The dead body of James Donegon was found in a box car at Houston Jan. 1.

The Pope of Rome celebrated his diamond mass (sixtieth anniversary) Jan. 1, 1898.

Will Devereaux, colored, accidentally killed himself with a pistol in Dallas on the 31st ult.

Martin Patterson was appointed postmaster for Royse City, Dec. 30.

The Marion county commissioners have been removed from office for official misconduct.

The 5-year-old daughter of Mr. Shaver was drowned in a branch near Tyler, Tex., Friday.

Geo. Owens was seriouly injured while at work with a well digging outfit Dec. 31 at Denton.

After 35 years of litigation in the courts, the Kentucky Lottery at last passes out of history.

Riley & Jones, Greenville grocers, filed a deed of trust Saturday.

S. M. Slater of Gainesville was seriously stabbed in the neck by by his stepson T. W. Parrish.

E. Enderby who lives near Gainesville was recently found dead in his bed.

John Gardner shot and seriously wounded Andrew McMillan near Cameron, Tex.

J. Hoge Tyler was inaugurated as governor of Virginia Jan. 1. 1898.

A negro was ambushed by two unknown assasins near Newton, Tex., Sunday. He was shot from his horse.

At Newkirk, Ark., Saturday a carpenter named L. Stephenson fell from a scaffold and was fatally injured.

Gov. Barnes has quarantined against southern cattle being brought into the I. T., after Jan. 15.

The White House was closed New Year day and Pres. McKinley and wife spent the day in retirement.

The embezzling Southern Express company's agent, P. H. Mabry, attempted suicide at Savannah, Ga., Sunday.

Six people, father mother and four children, perished in the burning of their home in New Jersey, Sunday.

A fourteen year old lad, Maurice Neal, fell from a wire he was trying to walk at Pawnee, I. T. A nail pierced his temple and killed him instantly.

Some of the New England cotton mills are making reductions in the scale of wages paid employes.

Geo. M. Pullman's life insurance policies are being paid lately. His two sons and two daughters will each receive $18,000 while the widow gets $25,000 from the same source.

Jim Jones, colored, burned a widow's home last week near Meridian, Miss. He was captured by a mob who carried him into the woods and shot his head off.

The Corn National Bank of Chicago has been authorized by the comptroller with a capital of $1,000,000.

The employes at the cotton factories of Suncook, N. H., suffered a reduction of ten per cent of their weekly earnings.

The clothing of Mrs. Lizzie Wilson, an aged woman of Eufala, Ala., caught fire and ended in death of the lady.

John Doering a wealty citizen of Belleville, Ill., was found dead in his bed Jan. 1. He was a victim of murder.

Hon. W. J. Bryan and wife who are just completeing a tour of America were entertained in Austin New Years by Ex-Gov. James Hogg.

Mr. Bryan's friends of the first Nebraska district surprised him upon his arrival home from Mexico by tendering the nomination for congress to him. This is his old district. A republican has represented it since his retirement.

PRINCETON PICK-UPS.

New Parsonage Lot Surveyed—Big School Enrollment—Changes In Locations.

Jan 3, '98.

A happy New Year to the farmers. They deserve a year of rich prosperity; a bountiful harvest and large remuneration.

S. H. Cole came out from McKinney Thursday of last week and surveyed the parsonage lot. Lumber was hauled Monday and Wednesday. Work began Tuesday and is being rapidly pushed.

Pinceton cemetery is being fenced.

Charlie Massie, an attorney of Palo Pinto, visited his sister, Mrs. Alma Wilson of this village last week.

J. E. Flannagan and mother, Mrs. W. M. Flannagan spent last week with relatives at Meridian, Bosque county.

First Quarterly Conference for Princeton Circuit was held Saturday Dec. 18th, at 11 o'clock, notwithstanding the sleet and mud. Only a small attandance. Business was transacted promptly and rapidly. There was no preaching. Rev. Ashburn returned home in the afternoon.

B. Harman of Culleoka took the train here Thursday evening for Kentucky to spend the Holidays.

Pinceton school enrollment has reached the 104th., number.

The I. O. G. T., public entertainment which was to have been given on the night of Dec. 23rd was postponed indefinitely on account of disagreeable weather.

T. J. Smith returned to his home at Mumford, Robertson county Wednesday after spending Christmas week with his son J. F. Smith.

B. Geirhart, wife and son Edwin left for Indiana Monday Dec. 20th.

W. H. Betts returned from Daingerfield Sunday. He went down to be with the old folks at home during Christmas tide.

Alma Wilson made a sale of 161 bales of cotton at 5:15 to buyer Bell of Farmersville last week. It was loaded and shipped Wednesday and Thursday.

S. L. Smith is in Tennessee on a visit.

Miss Nannie Holzes has gone to Morristown Tennessee where she will remain several months with relatives.

A fairly good audience greeted Rev. H. M. Pirtle at the Methodist church Sunday at 11 o'clock when he delivered his first sermon at this place.

At a meeting at the school house Saturday night Alma Wilson was elected trustee for Princeton cemetery for 1898.

J. F. Craig is up from an attack of lagrippe.

A goodly number assembled at the Methodist church Friday night to watch the old year out and to welcome the new year, with renewed vows to live better men and women. It was a good spiritual meeting.

Our citizens for 1898. Changes among them. Where they are located:

Rev. D. W. Garvin and family moved Wednesday to Weston. J. W. Flanagan is located on J. J. Wilson's farm. G. T. Wadkins for two years a resident of Princeton, has gone to Copeville. Mr. Haven has moved into his new house just completed on the farm bought from J. R. Morrell. J. C. Lytton occupies one of N. A. Burton's rent houses. Joe Henry has sold his farm to Mr. Garman late of North Carolina, and will move to McKinney at an early day. J. R. Morrell is living on Dr. Metzs place just across Sister Grove creek. Geo. Russell and family have moved to McKinney. W. E. Riggs occupies the Frank Russell homestead. A. J. Aycock and wife are domiciled in N. A. Burton's neat little rent house one mile east of this village. John A. Ragle is building a new residence on his farm which will be ready for occupancy in a few days. John Blankenship will also soon be into a new house.

W. C. Hairgrove left Wednesday for Cameron, Milam county. W. C. Williford lives on the Coffey farm, and J. W. York on the old C. P. Reed home place. J. B. Wellman remains on the Mrs. Mead homestead. W. L. Patterson arrived from Tennesse last week and will make their home for this year on Mrs. Elmore's farm. E. W. Stovall, formerly a resident of Whites Grove, has lately moved into S. H. Houseman's rent house. There are other changes which we are not able to ascertain. J. F. S.

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Herein fail not, but have you then and there before said court this writ, with your return thereon, showing how you have executed the same. Given under my hand and the seal of said Court at McKinney, this 14th day of December, A. D. 1897. Attest [seal] E. R. Hall, Clerk District Court, Collin County, Texas.

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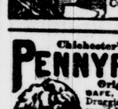

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